

Rabbi's Column

Acharei Mot Kedoshim Emor - The titles of the Torah portions we are currently reading, when put together in this fashion, mean "After death one should tell things that are unique and sacred" about a person who has died. These are the only words I remember from the Rabbi's eulogy for my Zaydie, whose Yahrzeit was on Mother's Day this year. I am surprised I remembered that much, as this was over 40 years ago - but some things do stick in the memory.

These past few weeks have been a time for remembering the masses who have died, and for mourning those who have newly been killed. May what we and the world says about them remain in the realm of the sacred.

On a more pragmatic note, a while ago there was a leak in the boiler unit that supplies heat for the Small Sanctuary, the bathrooms, the main office and my office. The part needed to fix that leak may soon be available - what it has meant for us is that services have been held in the social hall for the past two weekends. It should warm up before the Festival, so we can be back in the Small Sanctuary and the social hall can be prepped properly for the Yiddish Food Festival.

Please keep the world as a whole in your thoughts and prayers - there is a lot going on, and some of it is downright scary and dangerous.